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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has been more than 30 years since the enactment
3 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act; and

4 WHEREAS, American society and law have undergone
5 significant and numerous changes particularly affecting
6 families and family law; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has dealt with these changes
8 only by amending individual sections of the Act without regard
9 to the overall statutory scheme of the Act; and

10 WHEREAS, It is time for a thorough and comprehensive review
11 of the Act to improve and update it in the context of these
12 changes in the last 30 years; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
15 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Family-Law Study
16 Committee is created to study and recommend how the Illinois
17 Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act should be amended to
18 improve and update it; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall consist of the following
20 members:

- 1 (1) Two members appointed by the Governor;
- 2 (2) One member appointed by the President of the
3 Senate;
- 4 (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
5 Senate;
- 6 (4) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives;
- 8 (5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
9 House Representatives;
- 10 (6) One member appointed by the President of the
11 Illinois State Bar Association;
- 12 (7) One member appointed by the President of the
13 Chicago Bar Association;
- 14 (8) One member appointed by the Supreme Court of
15 Illinois;
- 16 (9) One member appointed by the Illinois Coalition
17 Against Domestic Violence;
- 18 (10) One member appointed by the President of the
19 Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial
20 Lawyers;
- 21 (11) The Chair of the Illinois Child Support Advisory
22 Committee;
- 23 (12) One member appointed by the President of the Equal
24 Justice Foundation who should have experience with
25 providing pro bono or legal-aid services to less affluent
26 litigants; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Committee should seek voluntary
2 assistance from education, legal, civic, and professional
3 organizations and institutions in its review; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the members of the Committee shall serve
5 without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses
6 incurred while serving on this Committee from funds
7 appropriated to the Department of Healthcare and Family
8 Services' budget for that purpose; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall submit its final report
10 to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1,
11 2009.